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Dear Jalal Aliyev

I hope that you are in good health. I understand that you will be 85 years old next year. Congratulations.
As you know the conference organised by Suleyman Allakhverdiev last year in Baku, "**Photosynthesis Research for Sustainability",** was a great success attracting outstanding scientists from around the world. I supported Dr Allakhverdiev in organising this meeting in my capacity as President of the International Society for Photosynthesis Research.
Because of the success of the 2011 meeting and because of the fact it is a very important birthday for you, I would like to suggest that we hold the second international conference on photosynthesis research for sustainability in Baku next year. This would be an excellent opportunity to celebrate your 85th birthday and to honour your outstanding contributions to plant physiology and photosynthesis research with significant impact for improving crop productivity.
Since the ISPR Congress is also being held in 2013 (scheduled for August) in the USA, then the proposed Baku meeting should ideally be held earlier, April, May or at the latest June.
For this reason it may not coincide with your actual birthday date, which I believe is the 30th June although that would be highly appropriate.
Hope you agree to support this proposal in the same way as you did for the 2011 conference.

Very best wishes and kind regard



Jim Barber